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AND COMPOUNDS FOR THEIR EFFECTS ON BIOLOGICAL AND  
CHEMICAL PROCESSES

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Applicant requests a three (3) month extension of time, from March 5, 2001 to and  
including June 5, 2001, to respond to the Official Action mailed December 5, 2000 in the above-  
referenced case. Responsive to that Official Action, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of  
the following Amendment into the above-referenced case:

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 18, 19, 22 and 23.

Please add the following new claims:

--Claim 41. A method for screening a library of test compounds to identify those compounds  
with effects on a biological process in cells, comprising steps of:

providing a plurality of reaction vessels, wherein each reaction vessel has a volume of  
liquid less than or equal to approximately 200 microliters,

providing a plurality of cells;

providing a library of test compounds to be assayed for effects on a biological process in